AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

21.   (Currently amended) A computer-based system for high level summary of business results to target scarce business resources at business change over a finite period of time, comprising

(a)   a single screen;

(b)   means to assimilate static data into the system via an interviewing procedure;

(c)   means to assimilate balance data into the system;

(d)   means to provide mapping of and a normalised structure of said static and balance data as a summary report;

(e)   means to provide an iterative a summary and audit reports as a sign-off report;

(f)   means to produce a separate report for each of a group of high level groupings of a particular node of a business; and

(g)   drag and drop means whereby to display a normalised structure; and

(h)   means to trigger bench-mark calculations which check the said reports for mapping changes and which are reviewed by a user of the system using the single screen, whereby to provide an analysis of a business comprising a relational data base management system (RDMS) and a visual basic front-end.

22.   (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 21, wherein the means to assimilate data comprises a data base and graphical user interface whereby to normalise static data input.

23.   (Currently amended) A system as defined in Claim 22, <u>wherein</u> the ~~graphical user interface comprising~~ drag and drop means whereby to display a normalised structure<u> comprises the graphical user interface</u>.

24.   ([Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 21, wherein there are sign off sheet categories adapted to group input data and to replay said data for formal sign off.

25.   (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 21, wherein there is dictionary means adapted to relate to nodal points of a structure, and refer to exclude data related to discrete nodal points.

26.   (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 25, wherein the said data is related to criteria related to or associated with a discrete nodal point.

27.   (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 21, wherein there is a relational data base management system and a visual front end system.

28. (Currently amended) A system as defined in Claim 21, wherein the ~~first mentioned system~~ RDMS forms at least part of the means to assimilate static data and comprises a plurality of discrete store tables for data.

29. (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 28, wherein the store tables are selected from the group comprising respectively tables to store source data, standardised structures and definitions, translated data, benchmarking results and/or allocations and security and audit functions.

30. (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 27, wherein the visual front end system is adapted to manipulate data of the relational data base management system.

31. (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 27, wherein the visual front end system comprises respective means for loading data, manipulation of standardised structures and definitions, mapping, translation of data into standardised format, calculation of results, reporting and administration.

32. (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 21, wherein there is means for loading data comprising means for handling data comprising static data, reporting structure, balance and metric data.

33.   (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 31, wherein the means for administration comprises means for providing security and/or audit trail facilitation.

34.   (Previously presented) A system as defined in Claim 21, when the business comprises investment banking.